

B-3051 - B-3060  
200-240 E. Montgomery St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1848-1875

The majority of the three story high, two and three bay wide brick houses along this side of Montgomery St. were built by Samuel Bratt between 1853 and 1871 for the rising number of middle class residents in the area. The group of houses extending from 206-218 E. Montgomery St. were originally all built with gable roofs but a number have had their rooflines remodeled to resemble shed roofs with simple bracketed cornices. The group of houses built by Bratt between 220 and 240 E. Montgomery St. were built after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof and simple modillion cornice at 200 E. Montgomery St. was built in 1848 (with a gable roof) by John Watchman, partner of Bratt in the firm of Watchman and Bratt, steam engine manufacturers, whose business was located to the rear of these properties along Hughes St. At 202-204 E. Montgomery St. is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built in the 1870's

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

234 - 240 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This group of three story brick houses with shed roof and modillion cornice was built as a unit as part of the post-Civil War development of the upper end of this side of Montgomery St. The houses have been restored and several have been given elaborate doorway treatments that are not original to the houses.

The houses are three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupy lots 75' deep. Because the lots slope sharply to the rear, the houses are four stories in height at the rear. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension joining the main structure with a three story high, two bay deep brick rear addition. 238 has an extra one story frame addition and 240 has an added full fourth story to its rear extension. The houses are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is surmounted by a continuous wood cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions, bordered by a row of smaller, stepped-back modillions. The cornice is supported by five carved wooden brackets which connect it to a lower molding strip, thus forming a brick frieze area. Each house has a single hooded chimney located along the mid-point of the shed roof--at 234, 238, and 240 it is located along the west end wall; at 236 it is located along the east end wall. Each pair of houses (234-236 and 238-240) also shares a double hooded rear end chimney, located at the north end of the kitchen addition.

All of the window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels, with the upper panes of the windows cut to fit the curve of the arch. The sills are wood. At present the window openings of 234 and 240 are filled with new 9/9 sash on the first floor and new 6/6 sash on the second and third floors. The window openings of 236 are filled with 4/4 sash and the window openings of 238 are filled with 1/1 sash. The basic segmentally arched doorway with single light transom, as still seen at 240 E. Montgomery, has been obscured by elaborate decorative doorway enframements at 234, 236, and 238 E. Montgomery. The doorframe at 234 consists of a steeply pitched pediment supported by fluted pilasters. Above a modern six panel door an elaborate Federal-style fanlight has been fitted into the transom area. The transom area is bordered by a row of cut-work scallop carvings. At 236 E. Montgomery an Italianate, arched molded wood doorframe, with central keystone, frames a single light transom set above a wrought iron gate. The late Victorian glass and panel door, with two upper vertical, etched glass panels, is set several feet back to form an entryway. 238 E. Montgomery has a heavily molded and reed doorframe which follows the original arch of the opening. A modern six panel door is set beneath a single light transom which is bordered by a row of carved dentils. At 240 E. Montgomery St. a modern six panel door is set beneath a single light transom bordered by the same row of dentils as seen at 238. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by two steps each--brick at 234, wood at 236 and 238, and stone at 240. Each house has a small coal opening with metal door located under the first floor window.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Samuel Bratt

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

See under 226-232 E. Montgomery St., and 206-208 E. Montgomery St.

This particular row of houses was the last group built by Bratt on the north side of Montgomery St. He had begun building at 206 Montgomery St. in 1852 but had been interrupted by the Civil War and did not complete the group until 1871. This row differs from the preceding row at 226-232 Montgomery St. only in that the first floor facade is three bays wide, thereby allowing for an entrance hall leading from the doorway, past the parlor, to the rear stair hall.

The first owners of these houses were, respectively, Lawson Pearson, at 234 Montgomery St., a mariner; William Bowman, at 236, a glass blower; and Frederick Strauss, at 240, a shoemaker.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1873

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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# HIGHWAY

BATTERY AVE.

E. MONTGOMERY

ST.

201

207/29

209 - 205 - 207 209 211

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15/17

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21-22

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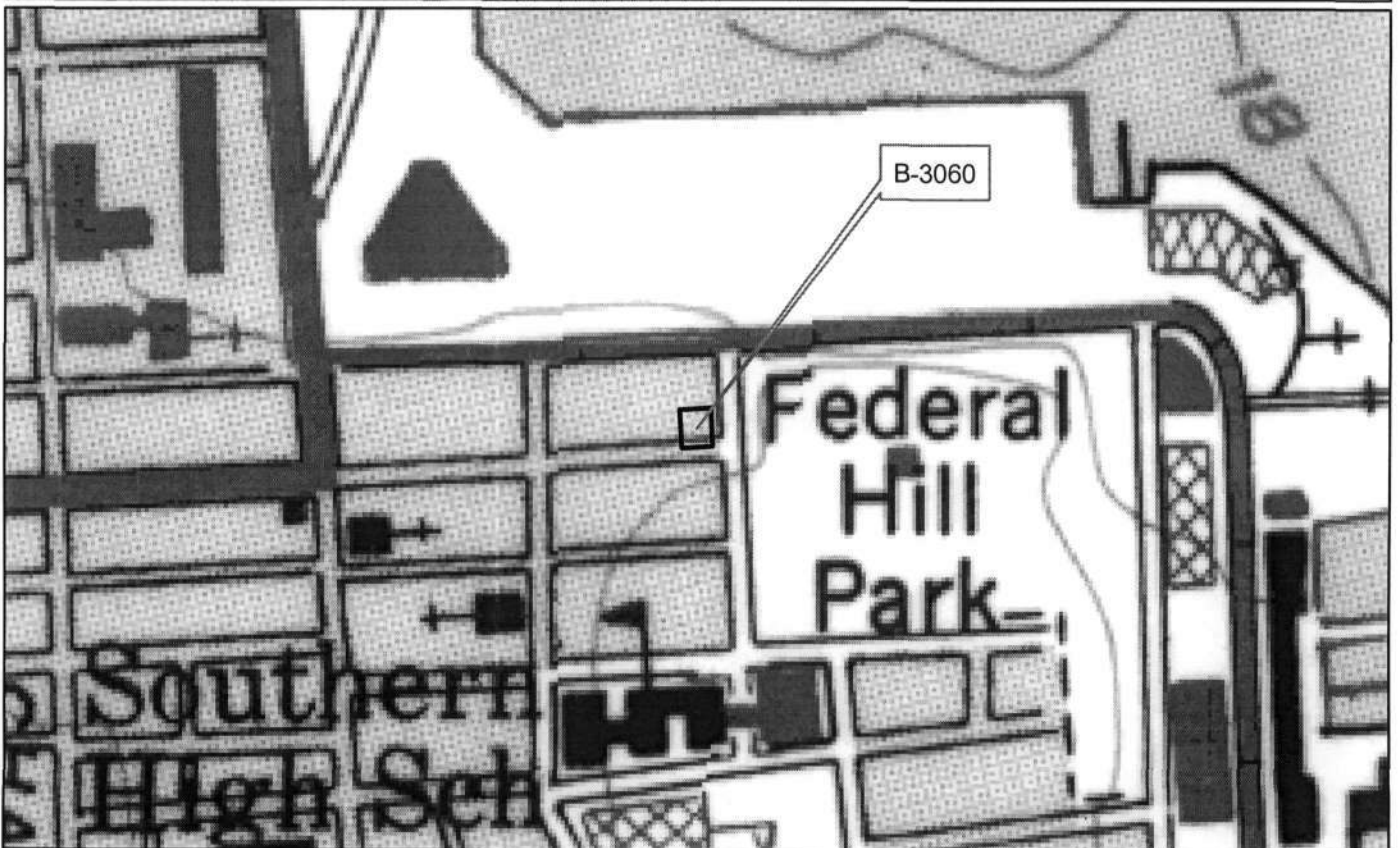
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234-240 E. Montgomery Street  
Block 0900 Lots 036-039  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.








B-3060 234-240 E. Montgomery St.

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South elevation

A very faint, light-colored architectural drawing is visible in the center of the page. It appears to be a plan or elevation of a building, showing some structural details like walls and openings, though the lines are too light to be clearly defined.